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1. An armored corps, composed of tank regiments stationed in Braniewo (Braunsberg), Elblag (Elbing), and Malbork (Marienburg), and artillery regiments in Malbork and in an unknown place, has its headquarters in a barracks building located on ulica Grunwaldzka in Wrzeszcz (suburb of Gdansk).¹ There are no signs on the building to indicate that it is occupied by a staff unit. The corps commander is General (fnu) Jakubowski, a non-Polish-speaking Soviet general, who came to Poland from the Soviet Union last year. The headquarters staff, which does not appear to be strong, includes the following two officers: Colonel (fnu) Smerczko, a Polish-speaking Soviet officer who has been in the Polish Army for several years, and Major Czeslaw Wdowiak, a Pole.

2. On 1 September 1953, the corps commander and his staff were in a military camp located somewhere near Niemiecka Ilawa preparing for the fall maneuvers which will be reviewed by Marshal Rokossowski. The maneuvers will be held in the province of Olsztyn (Allenstein) and will be participated in by Soviet and Polish troops.

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1. Comment: Gdansk is believed to be the headquarters of the I Armored Corps.

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